

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested for purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance or, alternatively, for placing the application in better condition for appeal.

A one month extension of time, and associated fee, is attached hereto.

Following the Examiner's suggestion with respect to allowable subject matter, which is gratefully appreciated, Claims 2-4 and 6-9 have been rewritten in independent form.

In addition, Claim 10 has been amended to specify the location of the nozzle control unit as supported in the application on page 8, line 17.

New Claims 23-30 are supported in the application in the following locations:

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Supporting Disclosure</u>
23	page 9, lines 15-17
24	page 9, lines 22-24
25	page 20, lines 19-21 and page 22, line 25 and page 23, line 2
26	page 19, lines 7-9
27	page 10, lines 3-5
28	page 21, line 20-21
29	page 10, lines 8-10
30	page 21, lines 20-21

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the application in immediate condition for allowance and accordingly, applicants believe the outstanding rejections have been overcome. The subject matter of Claims 1 and 5 which had been rejected as anticipated by the

patent of *Springer* is believed to be moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 1 and the amendment of Claim 5 to make it dependent upon Claim 2.

In view thereof, favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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